COUNTY OF YORK MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 6, 2002 (BOS Mtg. 11/19/02)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Colonial Area Family and Intimate Partner Violence Fatality Review Team

Background

The Commonwealth's Attorneys within this region have become increasingly concerned about family and intimate partner violence and the destructive consequences it has upon individuals and families. They have proposed the establishment of the *Colonial Area Family and Intimate Partner Violence Fatality Review Team* as a regional response to this concern. The Review Team would be composed of representatives from the Commonwealth's Attorney's Offices, law enforcement agencies, magistrates, Social Services and other counseling agencies or organizations having direct involvement with the impact of domestic violence. It would serve the following purposes:

- ? identifying and describing trends and patterns of domestic violence related deaths in the cities of Williamsburg and Poquoson, as well as, the counties of York and James City;
- ? increasing coordination and communication between agencies providing services to families experiencing domestic violence;
- ? and identifying interventions aimed at system improvements.
- § 32.1-283.3 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, provides for the establishment of such review teams by any county or city or combination thereof. The governing bodies of York, James City, Williamsburg and Poquoson are being asked to support this effort by adoption of the attached resolution.

Recommendation

It is my recommendation that the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution R02-189 to establish the *Colonial Area Family and Intimate Partner Violence Fatality Review Team*.

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Attachment:

? Proposed Resolution R02-189